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R 200725Z JUL 76  
FM AMEMBASSY DOHA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1700  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSN MANAMA  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR  
SUBJ: DEATH OF SHAYKH JASIM

1. THE GOQ WASTED NO TIME IN ANNOUNCING DEATH OF SHAYKH JASIM AND NEWS OF HIS DEATH WAS ON 6:30 AM QATARI NEWS ON JULY 18 AND FRONT PAGE OF QATARI DAILY "AL ARAB" OF SAME DATE. ONLY SPECIFICS GIVEN TO PUBLIC WAS THAT JASIM DIED IN A HOSPITAL IN THE U.S. AFTER SUFFERING FROM A SERIOUS ILLNESS. THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF DENVER, OR THE TNRMINAL ILLNESSES FROM WHICH JASIM SUFFERED.

2. DELEGATIONS FROM NEIGHBORING GULF STATES BEGAN TO ARRIVE IN DOHA ON MORNING OF JULY 18 TO ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR JASIM. THE BODY ARRIVED IN DOHA MORNING OF JULY 19 AND FROM WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GATHER WAS TAKEN DIRECTLY TO MOSQUE FOR PRAYERS AND THEN TO RESERVED PLOT FOR BURIAL. NO NON-ARABS ATTENDED ANY OF THESE RITES.

3. RE OFFICIAL MOURNING FOR JASIM, OTHER THAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, JASIM'S FORMER MINISTRY, ALL OTHER GOQ OFFICES REMAINED OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL. RADIO AND TV STATIONS CLOSED DOWN  
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FOR SEVERAL DAYS, BUT THIS IS CUSTOMARY IN THIS TYPE CASE.

IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL ORDERS FROM GOQ TO CLOSE FOR SEVERAL DAYS HAS LED TO A SOMEWHAT CONFUSED SITUATION RESULTING IN SOME FIRMS CLOSING FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND OTHERS REMAINING OPEN.

4. NOW THAT BURIAL IS OVER, QATARIS AND FOREIGNERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THEY CAN NOW CALL ON AMIR TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS. THIS SHOULD BE OVER IN COUPLE OF DAYS AT WHICH TIME OPERATIONS SHOULD REVERT TO NORMAL IN ALL SECTORS IN QATAR.

5. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO WORD, OFFICIAL OR SPECULATIVE, RE A NAME TO REPLACE JASIM AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION.  
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